

Approval of bodies, institutes or centres under The 'Balai' Directive
92/65/EEC, (as amended)
Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) Regulations

Application of an establishment for approval under Article 13 of Council Directive 92/65/EEC

I, Owner / Manager (name in BLOCK letters)
being the *owner/manager of the premises at: (full postal address)

Postcode

hereby apply to Defra/SE/WAG for approval of the above establishment in accordance with Article 13 of EU Council Directive 92/65/EEC (as amended).

I, confirm that:

1. I have read the checklist with Guidance Notes relating to approval.
2. I understand that the above establishment will be inspected and must comply with the requirements in the checklist before it will be granted approval.

3. I confirm that the establishment named above is / is not* licensed under the Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and Other Mammals) Order 1974 (as amended).
4. I understand that an Approved Veterinarian (AV)† must be nominated to ensure the day to day compliance with the requirements of the Directive.

The veterinary surgeon whom I wish to act as the Approved Veterinarian is:

Name in BLOCK Letters Date

The following boxes should be used by pre-approved veterinary surgeons:

Name in BLOCK Letters Date

Name in BLOCK Letters Date

Address
Postcode

Telephone number (incl. national dialling code)

Mobile number

I attach a plan showing the whole of the establishment and indicating the limits of the area for which I am seeking approval.

I understand and agree that if my premises is granted approval, details of the approval may appear on a publicly available list on Animal Health website (for certain approved premises only the approval number and LVU will be included in the list).

The orders I wish to be covered by this approval are detailed at Annex A overleaf.

* delete as applicable

† "AV" means a person appointed by Animal Health in accordance with Annex C of EU Directive 92/65 EEC (as amended).

Guidance Notes for Premises Wishing to Apply for Approval under Article 13 and Annex C of the Balai Directive 92/65/EEC, as amended by Commission Regulation EC No. 1282/2002

- Premises that are approved under the above legislation should be able to send animals to/from UK approved premises to similarly approved premises in other EU Member States under special certification procedures, which should generally be simpler than those procedures for certification of animals from non-approved premises. The procedure described below is not necessary if a premises only wishes to move animals between institutions in the UK. If moving animals covered by the Balai Directive to Northern Ireland, zoos, institutions and bodies should check whether an import permit is required.
- The requirements for obtaining approved status are set out in Annex C of the Balai Directive (as amended by Regulation EC No. 1282/2002.).
- The “*Checklist for Initial approval inspection*” will be used by the Veterinary Officer (VO) who will inspect the premises prior to approval. If the VO finds that all the conditions for approval can be met, the owner or owner's representative and the approved veterinarian will both be asked to sign the last page of the checklist. By their signatures they confirm that they have read the checklist and undertake to observe all the conditions, and it is a requirement for approval that they should both give this undertaking.
- If the owner/manager of a premises wishes to have their premises approved, they must complete the application form EC 3164 and return it to the local DVM/RVL. On the application form they will be asked to nominate a veterinarian who will act as the 'approved veterinarian' for the premises. The DVM/RVL will arrange for a VO to make an inspection visit, using the Checklist as above. The DVM/RVL will also arrange to interview the approved veterinarian and train him/her in the requirements of approved status.
- If approval is granted the DVM/RVL will inform the premises in writing, giving the premises its unique approval number. If for any reason it is not possible to grant approval, the applicant will be informed in writing, and will be invited to re-apply once the deficient points have been corrected.
- Approved premises will be re-inspected once a year by a VO, but if the DVM/RVL considers it advisable because of the disease situation or any other reason, he/she may require additional inspection visits.
- Data Protection Act: From 1st January 2010 it is a requirement that Member States make available Internet-based information pages containing lists of establishments and laboratories approved in accordance with Community veterinary and zotechnical legislation, including the Balai Directive. This list will be put on the Animal Health public website. When a premises makes its initial application for approval, they will be asked to confirm that they would not have any objection to relevant details being published. For certain premises only the approval number and LVU will be included in the list.

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